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County to Allocate \$479,200 of Park Charter Funds to Six Historical Preservation Projects

SAN JOSE, CALIF.— The County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors has approved use of \$479,200 from the Park Charter Historical Heritage Fund for six historical preservation projects: the Alviso Adobe Restoration, the Villa Montalvo Entry Restoration, Migrant Farm Workers Housing Restoration, the Neutra House Restoration, the Hyde Park Water Tower Restoration, and Hakone Gardens Restoration.

The City of Milpitas will receive \$85,000 for the Alviso Adobe Restoration, Montalvo Arts Center will receive \$100,000 for the Villa Montalvo Entry Restoration, History San Jose will receive \$58,000 for Migrant Farm Workers Housing Restoration, Los Altos Community Foundation will receive \$26,200 for the Neutra House Restoration, the City of Campbell will receive \$90,000 for the Hyde Park Water Tower Restoration, and the Hakone Foundation will receive \$120,000 for Hakone Gardens Restoration.

“The preservation and restoration of these important historical assets for County residents is a good use of Park Charter Funds,” said Supervisor Don Gage, Chair of the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors’ Housing Land Use, Environment, and Transportation Committee. “We

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appreciate the work of the Historical Heritage Commission in recommending the sites.”

The six projects to be funded were selected from eleven grant proposals submitted by various County Communities and organizations. Staff began reviewing all the submitted proposals during December 2007. After applicants’ presentations, HHC Commissioners site visits, and Staff reports, the HHC chose the six projects that were most “project ready” this May.

The funding for Alviso Adobe Restoration will be used for drainage improvement, exterior walls repair, interior flooring, archaeological monitoring, seismic retrofitting and construction management. The funding for the Villa Montalvo Entry Restoration will be used for repair of front veranda entry and steps. The funding for Migrant Farm Workers Housing Restoration will be used to relocate the four migrant farm worker houses from a remote, unprotected location to a secure location. The funding for Neutra House Project will be used for window restoration, exterior doors, gutters and downspouts. The funding for Hyde Park Water Tower Restoration will be used to repaint the water tower. The funding for Hakone Garden will be used to restore the Garden’s historic buildings.

About Historical Heritage Grant Program (HHGP)

County of Santa Clara the Board of Supervisors has granted funds for historical preservation since 1990. On June 24, 2003, the Board granted delegation of authority to the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to execute project agreements for the Board approved Historical Heritage Projects.

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